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THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

The Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY,

On *Friday, November* 26, 1779.

WITH

HIS MAJESTY'S

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, That the Addreſs of this Houſe preſented to His Majeſty this Day, and His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Anſwer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and publiſhed.

Aſhley Cowper,

Cler' Parliamentor'.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled.

Die Jovis, 25° Novembris, 1779.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to return Your Majeſty our humble Thanks for Your moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne.

THE juſt Senſe we have of the Bleſſings we enjoy under Your Majeſty's Government, and the Indignation we feel at the unprovoked and unwarrantable Aggreſſion of our Enemies, who ſeek to deprive us of thoſe Bleſſings, and threaten Your Majeſty's Kingdoms with Invaſion, will continue to animate our Reſolutions, and redouble our Efforts in the national Defence. We truſt, that thoſe Efforts, ſeconded by the Zeal of a Faithful and Loyal People, will, under the Providence of God, be fully ſufficient to repel every Attack, to fruſtrate the Hopes, and defeat the Deſigns of any Confederacy that may be formed againſt Your Majeſty's Crown and Dominions.

IN ſuch a Criſis, the Approach of Danger can ſerve only to call forth that national Spirit, which always riſes with the Occaſion that demands it, but never diſplayed itſelf in a more important Conjuncture, though it has ſo often protected the Liberties of theſe Kingdoms, and of *Europe* in general, and has enabled the *Britiſh* Fleets and Armies to withſtand, and defeat the Deſigns of that reſtleſs and aſpiring Ambition, which has ſo frequently diſturbed the Peace and invaded the Rights of Mankind.

WE are deeply ſenſible of Your Majeſty's paternal Goodneſs, which does not confine itſelf to One Part of Your Dominions, but is anxious for the Proſperity of the Whole, and, in the Midſt of Your Care and Solicitude for the Safety and Welfare of this Country, has led Your Attention to the State of Your Loyal and Faithful Kingdom of *Ireland*. Guided by the ſame Sentiments which prompted the humble Addreſs we preſented to Your Majeſty the laſt Seſſion, we will continue our Attention to thoſe important Objects Your Majeſty's Wiſdom recommends, and, after deliberately weighing the Whole, will conſider, what further Benefits may be extended to that Kingdom, by ſuch Regulations, and ſuch Methods, as may moſt effectually promote the common Strength, Wealth, and Intereſts of all Your Majeſty's Dominions.

YOUR Majeſty's Approbation of the good Conduct and Diſcipline of the Militia, and of their ſteady Perſeverance in their Duty, and the Satisfaction Your Majeſty expreſſes in the Conduct of Your Loyal Subjects of all Ranks who have ſtood forth in this arduous Conjuncture, muſt redouble that Zeal, extend that Influence, and increaſe thoſe perſonal Exertions, which have given Confidence as well as Strength to the national Defence.

WE ſee, with great Satisfaction, that Your Majeſty, truſting in the Divine Providence, and in the Juſtice of Your Cauſe, is firmly reſolved to proſecute the War with Vigour, and to make every Exertion in order to compel our Enemies to liſten to equitable Terms of Peace and Accommodation. Such ſpirited and vigorous Meaſures muſt be conducive to ſo deſirable an End; and we humbly beg Leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, that they will meet with our moſt hearty Concurrence and firmeſt Support.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

I Thank you for this loyal and dutiful Addreſs.—The Spirit and Reſolution with which you ſtand forth in the National Defence, and the Support you promiſe to the vigorous Meaſures I am determined to purſue, muſt tend to reſtore, upon fair and equitable Terms, that general Tranquillity, which I have ever endeavoured to maintain; and your Attention to thoſe important Objects I have recommended to you, will, I doubt not, increaſe the general Proſperity of all My Subjects, which is My conſtant and invariable Aim.

FINIS.